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Crop Report for the period November 18th to 24th, 2009

Saskatchewan farmers have 99 per cent of the 2009 crop harvested, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report.

Harvest in the southern and west-central regions is mostly complete. The northeastern and northwestern regions of the province have 95 and 97 per cent of the crop in the bin, respectively, but some flax, oats and canola are still being harvested in these regions.

The northeast has 73 per cent of the flax combined, while the northwestern and east-central regions have 95 and 93 per cent of the flax harvested.

Ninety-five per cent of the canola is combined in the two northern regions.

The oat crop is 95 per cent harvested in the northeast and 93 per cent harvested in the northwest.

Twenty-five per cent of the sunflower crop has been harvested in the province. Traditionally, sunflowers are the last crop to be harvested, and crops are frequently taken off the field after the snow has

fallen. They do not tend to experience the same degree of downgrading as other crops as a result of being left in the field.

Farmers are busy combining, drying grain, baling straw, hauling bales, cleaning corrals and bringing cattle home from the pastures.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

The month of November has co-operated with farmers trying to get the rest of their crops in the bin. Warm, clear weather has allowed farmers to complete harvest and continue with fall farm activities. Most producers in the region have completed harvest. Flax is the only crop left in the field, and 98 per cent of it has been harvested.

Farmers are busy drying grain, baling straw and hauling bales and grain.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Harvest has been complete for the most part in the southwestern region for some time now. A blanket of snow fell in the Maple Creek area on November 21st.

Farmers are busy hauling bales and cattle, pregnancy-checking cattle, cleaning corrals, checking bins and baling straw.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6A)

Ninety-three per cent of the flax and 96 per cent of the canaryseed and oats have been harvested in the region. The dry and sunny weather of November has allowed farmers to finish harvest and complete their fall work. A couple crop reporters indicated that some of the unharvested crop will be left out until spring.

Farmers are busy wrapping up harvest, drying grain, monitoring tough grain, baling straw and hauling bales.

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West-Central**Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

The crop is essentially "in the bin" for the year. Ninety-seven per cent of the oats and 98 per cent of the flax have been harvested.

The recent weather has been a boon for producers, who are busy finishing up harvest, applying fertilizer, baling straw and hauling bales.

Northeastern**Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

The northeastern region has 95 per cent of the harvest in the bin. The crop is coming off tough and damp, and grain dryers are running around the clock.

Seventy-seven per cent of the canaryseed, 95 per cent of the oats, 73 per cent of the flax and 95 per cent of the canola have been harvested. Fourteen per cent of the flax and five per cent of the canola remain in the swath.

Farmers are busy harvesting, drying grain, baling straw and monitoring the grain in the bin.

Northwestern**Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

The past week of great weather allowed many farmers to progress with harvest. Crops are being combined tough and damp. The region has 97 per cent of the harvest complete. Ninety-seven per cent of the spring wheat, 96 per cent of the oats and flax, and 95 per cent of the canola have been harvested.

Farmers are busy harvesting, drying and aerating grain, baling straw, hauling bales and applying fertilizer.